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Station Mangalore, , *Dated the* 26th February 1937.

From (Name) M.R.Py Diwan Bahadur B.Mahabala Hegde Avl. B.A.B.L.

(Designation) President District Board South Kanara.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government Department.

Madras.

From a perusal of last year's tender register I find that Mr. Barboza the then District Board Engineer - and the Ex-Officio President Mr. Gawne made it a principle to reject all tenders below 15 % less than estimated rates on the ground that contractors quoting such low rates - could not be expected to turn out good work. It might be said that persons wishing to take works on contract for the first time may be willing to quote rates lower than those of the standing contractors, and by accepting such tenders the Board stands to gain and if such persons do not carry out the works according to the specifications

their deposits could be forfieted to the Board and so on. But in actual experience it is seen that contractors who take works at very low unworkable rates do unsatisfactory work and by the time their contracts are cancelled ----- after observing the usual formalities of issuing ---- notices etc, the proper season for rectification of the defective works and resumption of further work pass away. The result is that the roads get worse.

Last year itself some experienced and good contractors were thrown out owing to unhealthy competition and the roads concerned have suffered a good deal.

The recent G.O. on the subject of tender disposals does not give any discretion and lays down that lowest tenders ought to be accepted. Cases in which lowest -- tenders will have to be reported to Government if they are works subsidised by Government. There is hardly any time to address Government and obtain their orders in such cases as the season for metal ----- collection has already advanced. ---- ?: why were not tenders called sufficiently in advance?

At the present moment considering the party feeling I have no doubt whatsoever to state that this time all sorts of persons will tender very low. Consequently, a good selection of contractors has to be made, a num of objectionable tenders will have to be rejected.

In proof of my contention I have only to invite the attention of Government to Dr.K.Vittal Shetty's - letter to Government dated 25th January 1937 which gave rise to G.O.No Mis. 687 L.S.G. dated 19th February 37.

In case things happen as feared and lowest - tenders are accepted I am sure condition of roads next year will be very much deteriorated resulting in heavy losses to Government and the Board not speak of the inconvenience to the users of the roads.

Ordinarily collection of metal in this District has to be completed by the middle of April at the latest. Consolidation begins from about the middle of June has to be completed by about the end week of September.

I therefore submit , consi ring the above facts among oth rs, Government may be pleased to give me and the Dt. Board Board Engineer discretion in the matter of acceptance of — tenders as a special case this year.

Tenders have already been invited and will be opened by the District Board Engineer today or tomorrow . It is therefore very necessary that this communication may be treated as very urgent and such orders as Government may deem fit , under the circumstances, may be passed and kindly communicated to me within a week.

Your obedient servant,

President.

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L.S.G. Department.

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The P.D.B., South Kanara, is informed that the Government see no reason to modify the orders in G.O.No.3592 L.S.G., dated 14/8/1936 and to permit the President and the District Board Engineer to dispose of tenders for road maintenance in 1937- in contravention of those orders. In cases where it is considered undesira to accept the lowest tenders, adequat reasons should be recorded in writing and in the case of works towards whic the Government contribute, the orders of the Government should be obtained with reference to para. 2(3) of the G.O. referred to above.

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To the P.D.B., South Kanara,
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